



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
September 14, 2025**



A Parable - The Lost Coin by Cara B. Hochhalter

WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: **eastminsterchurch.org**. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.



Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew or sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it

confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

This is a livestream worship service, and the camera and microphones are on the whole time. While the camera is most often focused on the front of the sanctuary, there is a chance that you will be captured on camera.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

One: In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

ALL: With unsettled questions in our hearts,

One: With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

ALL: Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,

One: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of your people. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

***Silent Confession**

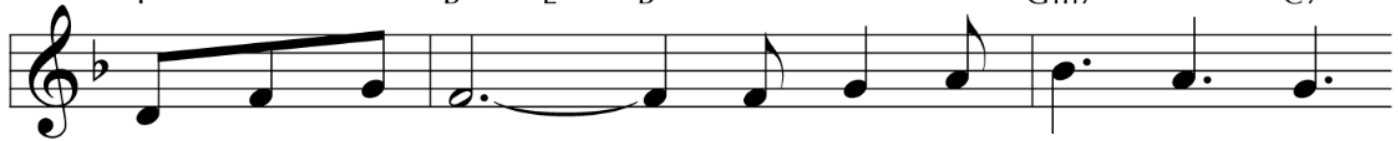
***Words of Forgiveness**

*Sung Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

(Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10

New Testament, p. 73

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

****Affirmation of Faith from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)***

In life and in death we belong to God.

***Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,***

***and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.***

***We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.***

***In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.***

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

***Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,***

***exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.***

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

***In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.***

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

***Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.***

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can also place prayer requests (cards are in the pew pads) in the offering plate.

***Doxology #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Frank Boster

Children's Message: Sam O'Neill

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Usher

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Greeter

Norm Mackay

Video Producer

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Fellowship

Sulin Campbell

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster: *Sept. 14 to Sept. 21*

SUNDAY, 9/14

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/15

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9/16

Chorale Ensemble 11:00 a.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/17

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/18

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9/20

Dave Merchant Visitation 10:00 a.m.

Dave Merchant Memorial 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 9/21

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult & Children Education 11:15 a.m.

Dave Merchant Memorial

Dave Merchant's memorial will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday at Eastminster. Visitation will start at 10 a.m. and there will be a luncheon after the service.

Bible Studies

We have two Bible studies that meet on Wednesdays and study the scripture passages that Kristin will be preaching on. Both meet in hybrid format (in-person or on Zoom). The Men's Bible Study meets at 8am. The Wednesday Bible study meets at 10:30am.

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

On Sunday, September 21st we will welcome Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, the Director of PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness as our guest preacher. After worship he will share more with adults and youth about the work of his office and take questions. Neil Myer will lead the children's education time.

Sunday Faith Formation

This Fall we are starting a new schedule for after-worship Faith Formation. The first Sunday of the month will be an all-church lunch and then the youth (grades 6-12) will gather. The third Sunday of the month will be separate education times for adults and children (grades 5 and under).

Centsability

We will collect loose change today that will go to organizations feeding the hungry.

Dinner with the Islamic Center

On Wednesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. join us at Eastminster for a dinner with the Islamic Center. We will get to know each other over a meal and then Pastor Kristin and the Imam will each share about pilgrimage before taking questions. If you plan to attend please sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Walk. Give. Change the World.



CROP HUNGER WALK

Eastminster is participating in this year's Crop Walk on Sunday, October 12th. If you'd like to walk sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office. You can donate online at our website or by putting money in the offering plate, labeling it "Crop Walk"



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.

You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church

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